Shurabara Lovers
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HOW IS IT, KAZUHIRO? GOOD?
YEAH, IT'S DELICIOUS.
THANK GOODNESS.
I WASN'T SURE IF YOU WOULD LIKE IT.
UM... SAOTOME?
YOU SAID YOU HAD SOMETHING YOU WANTED TO TALK ABOUT...
AH...
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT...
UM, TRUTH BE TOLD, THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT YOU TO HEAR...

It's finally the end!!
What is the conclusion...?
Final Chapter
Respective paths
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I'VE DECIDED THAT...
...!
AH... YEAH...
DO YOU REMEMBER...
....HOW I WAS ALMOST ASSAULTED BY A STRANGEMAN A LITTLE WHILE BACK?
AND...
...I'M GOING TO LET KAZUHIRO KNOW ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN MY PAST.
SAOTOME...
WHAT DID YOU WANNA TALK ABOUT?

YEAH, I'M SORRY, GUYS.
BUT I HAVE SOMETHING I WANT TO SAY NO MATTER WHAT...
U-UM... THERE'S...
THERE'S A PERSON THAT I LIKE!
EH!?

I'M... SUCH AN UNDERHANDED WOMAN.
IT - IT'S A GUY FROM MY CLASS...
I DIDN'T HAVE THOSE FEELINGS FOR HIM IN THE BEGINNING, BUT...
HERE I AM BLATANTLY TRYING TO...
...I ALWAYS FEEL AT EASE WHEN I'M WITH HIM... OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
BUT EVEN SO...
...KEEP THEM FROM PURSUING HIM.
TH-THEN...
TAKANA-SAN...
WHAT DO YOU WANNA DO ABOUT IT, SAOTOME...?

I MEAN, DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WERE BAD AT DEALING WITH GUYS?
B-BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, THAT THING HAPPENED...
THAT'S RIGHT.

THE INCIDENT THAT SHAPED ME INTO WHO I AM TODAY...
...HAPPENED WHEN I WAS IN GRADE SIX.
I WAS STARRING IN A CHILDREN'S PROGRAM CALLED HOMEMADE CRAFTS ANGEL KURARA.

HOWEV-
ER...
THE PROGRAM ITSELF GAINED POPULARITY.
AS A CHILD, I WAS PROUD OF MY JOB.
...MANAGED TO TRACK DOWN MY ADDRESS AND ENTER MY HOUSE WHILE I WAS OUT.
...AN OVERLY-ENTHUSIASTIC FAN OF THE SHOW...

SINCE I SCREAMED IMMEDIATELY, THE SITUATION DIDN'T DEVELOP INTO ANYTHING WORSE.
HOWEVER, IT HAD LEFT A DEEP IMPACT ON ME.
...YEAH.
EVEN NOW, I STILL THINK MEN ARE SCARY.
BUT...
...THAT GUY IS DIFFERENT.

STRANGELY, I DON'T DISLIKE BEING WITH HIM.
AND MY HEART SWELLS A LITTLE... I WANT TO ALWAYS BE WITH HIM...
B--
BUT...
THAT'S WHY...
EH? SANAE...?
...C-COULDN'T IT JUST HAVE BEEN YOUR IMAGINATION? ARE YOU REALLY GONNA BE OKAY WITH THAT GUY?
I MEAN, WE KNOW WHAT HAPPENED IN YOUR PAST AND...
I UNDERSTAND SAOTOME'S FEELINGS.

I, TOO, HAVE SOMEONE I WISH TO BE WITH.
HE MIGHT START TO HATE ME... THE RELATIONSHIP WE'VE BUILT MAY EVEN FALL APART AS A RESULT...
IT IS THOSE INSECURITIES THAT ARE PREVENTING ME FROM CONVEYING MY FEELINGS.
IF I HAD MORE COURAGE TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP...
SAOTOME-SAN.
AH...

I HAVE YET TO SORT OUT MY FEELINGS.
AS YOUR FRIEND, THIS IS PAINFUL FOR ME, BUT...
...AT THE VERY LEAST...
...ALLOW ME TO OFFER JUST HALF MY SUPPORT.
AH, GEEZ.
IN THAT CASE, I'VE GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO THROW MINE IN AS WELL.

SETTLE IT WITH ONE DECISIVE SWING!
BUT, SAOTOME, IF YOU'RE GONNA DO IT, DON'T HALF-ASS IT.
SORRY.
WHY... AM I APOLOGIZING?

HOWEVER, I WANTED TO MAKE THINGS CLEAR WITH THEM...
...EVEN IF I WAS SIMPLY BEING SELFISH.
SAOTOME!
YO, SAOTOME!
AH!
SORRY. WHERE WERE WE?
DON'T SPACE OUT WHILE YOU TALK.
TH-THEN...
WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT INCIDENT?
YEAH...
I BECAME SCARED TO APPEAR IN FRONT OF PEOPLE.
DURING MY MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS, I WAS A TRUANT HIKIKOMORI.
HOWEVER, IN THE END, I DIDN'T WANT TO QUIT ACTING.
THEREFORE, I DECIDED TO START OVER AS A VOICE ACTRESS.

I'VE BEEN DOING VARIOUS THINGS IN ORDER TO OVERCOME MY TRAUMA.
FOR EXAMPLE, I'VE BEEN REFERRING TO MYSELF WITH "BOKU" BECAUSE I WANT TO APPEAR STRONG.
IT'S FINE. I ACTUALLY WANT YOU TO KNOW ABOUT IT.
BUT ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY WITH TELLING ME ALL THIS?
I SEE. THOSE MUST'VE BEEN PRETTY TOUGH TIMES.
DESPITE THAT, I WAS AFRAID THAT I WOULD ALWAYS REMAIN THE SAME.
THAT IS... UNTIL I MET YOU.
EH?

BUT, IN TRUTH, YOU WERE SELFLESSLY GIVING IT YOUR ALL FOR EVERYONE.
AND I THOUGHT THAT WAS WONDER-FUL.
I INITIALLY THOUGHT YOU WERE COMPLETELY UNRELIABLE.
AN INDECISIVE GUY WHO CONSTANTLY GETS USED BY OTHERS.
BEING WITH YOU HAS THAWED MY FROZEN HEART.
I'VE EVEN COME TO HAVE A POSITIVE APPROACH TO MY JOB.
THAT'S WHY...
AND ALSO... BY THE TIME I REALIZED MY TRUE FEELINGS, I WAS UNABLE TO STOP MYSELF.
I WANT TO ALWAYS BE WITH YOU, KAZUHIRO.

...I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU...
...TO PLEASE ...
...BECOME MY REAL BOYFRIEND.

EH...?
.....
WAIT. HUH?
WHAT WAS THAT?
O-OH, I SEE! YOU HAVE ANOTHER PROBLEM YOU NEED MY HELP WITH?
IN - IN THAT CASE, YOU SHOULD'VE SAID SO FROM THE...
I - I'M SERIOUS!
YOU - YOU DON'T HAVE TO RESPOND RIGHT AWAY, SO...
...I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOUR ANSWER!

I REALLY DID NOT EXPECT SAOTOME TO CONFESS TO ME.
NORMALLY, I'D BE JUMPING FOR JOY...
WHY... DID THOSE TWO FACES POP UP..?

AM I HUNG UP ON THE FAKE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THOSE TWO?
OR...
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
Chirp
Chirp
WAKE UP, KAZU!

MAN, IT'S RARE FOR YOU TO COME OVER TO WAKE ME UP.
WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE I'LL BE ABLE TO RELY ON YOU ALL THE TIME.
ANYWAY,
GO BRUSH YOUR TEETH! WE'RE GOING TO SCHOOL!
AH, YEAH, OKAY.
WHAT HUH? THE!?
GET YOUR ASS UP! YOU'RE GONNA BE LATE!
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OH, THAT'S RIGHT.
I'VE GOT SOMETHING ELSE FOR YOU.
ABOUT THAT FAKE BOYFRIEND THING...
YOU DON'T NEED TO CONTINUE DOING IT ANYMORE.

EH?
IT SEEMS THAT MOMONO'S GIVEN UP FOR THE TIME BEING, SO YEAH.
AND BESIDES...
I'VE GOTTA FIGHT MY FUTURE BATTLES HONESTLY.
?
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK, KAZUHIRO-SAMA.

BY THE WAY, I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU ABOUT "THAT".
SAME TO YOU, SANAE-SAN. TODAY WAS PRETTY BUSY, HUH?
HAVE THERE BEEN ANY PROBLEMS REGARDING THE INCIDENT WITH SHIZUKA-SAN AS OF LATE? WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO...
YES. IT IS GOOD THAT THE SHOP IS THRIVING.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERN.
HOWEVER, THAT MATTER HAS ALREADY BEEN SETTLED.

I CANNOT REMAIN AS A LITTLE BIRD STUCK IN A CAGE.
I WOULD LIKE TO MANAGE MY PREDICAMENTS WITHOUT HAVING TO RELY ON KAZUHIRO-SAMA'S STRENGTH.
THUS, RATHER THAN STRUGGLING FOR ESCAPE FROM SOMETHING, I WISH TO HENCE-FORTH STRIVE TO ATTAIN MY DESIRES.
THAT IS WHAT I HAVE DECIDED UPON.

TAKANA-SAN AND SANAE-SAN HAVE CHANGED A BIT.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED WITH THOSE TWO, BUT THEY SEEMED TO BE IN GOOD SPIRITS
I GUESS EVERYONE MATURED FROM THE VARIOUS EXPERIENCES.
AND NOW...
...IT'S MY TURN.

This brings us to the end of Shurabara! Please look forward to Watari-Sensei's next work!

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